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MICROGEL-CONTAINING THERMOPLASTIC ELASTOMER
COMPOSITION

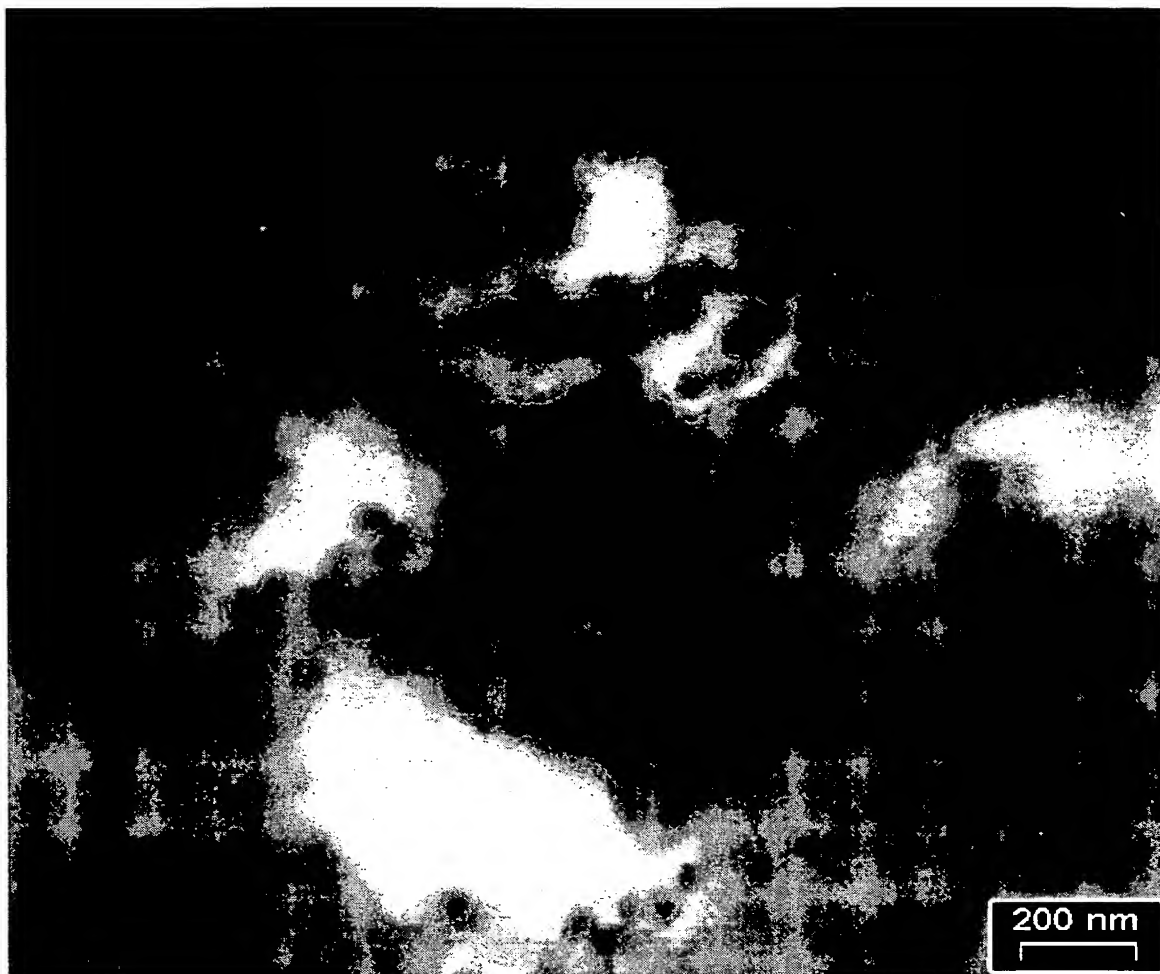


Figure 1: Illustration of the composition from Example 4 (MG/TPE-U); not contrasted with OsO₄, magnification 20,000-fold

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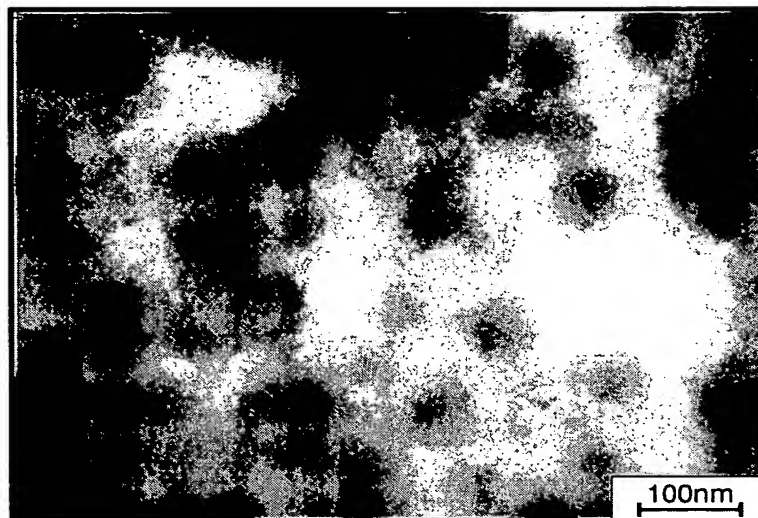
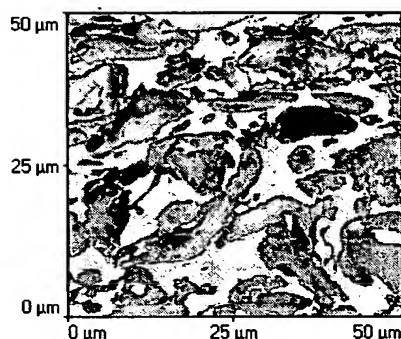
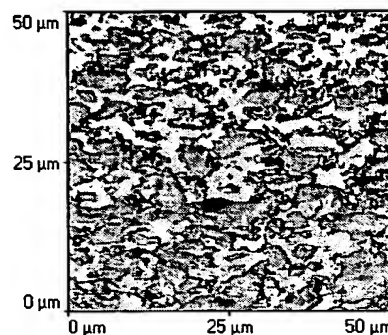


Figure 2: Illustration of a composition from Example 1 (MG/PP); not contrasted with OsO_4 ; magnification 30,000-fold

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a) without phase mediator



a) with phase mediator

Figure 3: AFM photograph of a dynamically vulcanized TPV from Example 5 (NBR/PA) (70:30) with and without phase mediator

It can be clearly seen that in the examples according to the invention above the microgel domains, i.e. the domains of the elastomer phase, are orders of magnitude smaller and more uniform than the elastomer domains, formed by dynamic vulcanization, of conventional dynamically vulcanized TPVs, both with (> 5 to $30\ \mu\text{m}$) and without a phase mediator (> 10 to $35\ \mu\text{m}$, Fig. 3)

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Storage of the test specimens in hot air at various temperatures

Storage at
RT:

Material M1



Material M7



Storage at
130 °C:

Material M1

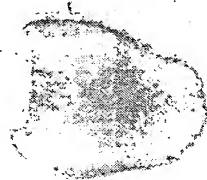


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Storage at
150 °C:

Material M1

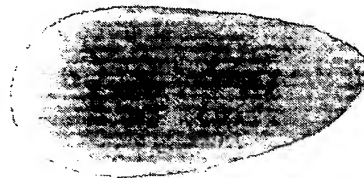


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Storage at
180 °C:

Material M1



Material M7



Figure 4: Storage tests on test specimens